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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESPONSE TO WALDHEIM LETTER

1. SECRETARY HAS APPROVED FOLLOWING TEXT FOR RESPONSE TO
WALDHEIM'S LETTER OF JANUARY 27.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: "DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

"I HAVE YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 27, SENT TO ME IN MY
CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE
MIDDLE EAST. AS YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS APPRECIATE HAVING
YOUR VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN THE AREA.

"YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I SHARE YOUR SENSE OF THE
URGENCY OF PURSUING THE GOAL OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN
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THE MIDDLE EAST. OUR JUST CONCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE

PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL, MR. RABIN, HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN OUR CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, AND WE EXPECT TO BE CONSULTING WITH ALL THE PARTIES IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

"THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT STAGNATION IS ACCEPTABLE OR INEVITABLE. WE ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TOWARD MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

"WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANCE OF FURTHER PROGRESS IF THE NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK, PAINFULLY ERECTED OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, WERE DISRUPTED. THIS FRAMEWORK, ERECTED FUNDAMENTALLY AROUND RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, IS SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY NOTED, THAT IT CAN PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR WORKING OUT FAIR AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS TO ALL OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE ISSUES OF WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, OF THE TERMINATION OF STATES OR CLAIMS OF BELLIGERENCY, OF RECIPROCAL OBLIGATIONS TO PEACE, AND OF THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE US HAS ALSO REPEATEDLY AFFIRMED ITS RECOGNITION THAT THERE WILL BE NO PERMANENT PEACE UNLESS IT INCLUDES ARRANGEMENTS THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

"WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY ON THE PARTICULAR PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH THE MOMENTUM OF PRACTICAL PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS MAY BE MAINTAINED. WE HAVE AGREED THAT A RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AFTER CAREFUL PREPARATION WOULD SERVE THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING SUCH PROGRESS. AS A PRACTICAL WAY OF PROCEEDING, WE HAVE PROPOSED A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED SO FAR IN NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD A SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK. THE US IS ALSO PREPARED TO CONSIDER HOLDING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE USSR IN ADVANCE OF SUCH A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE.

I WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU AS OUR EFFORTS
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-----WITH WARM REGARDS,

-----HENRY A. KISSINGER"

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